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H.R. 1617. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 55. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

H. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 146) entitled "An Act to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes."

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1404. An act to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 730. An act to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 918. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1148. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1218. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1404. An act to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the

Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1617. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 55. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1137. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1138. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1139. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons" (RIN1904-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1140. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment: Fourth Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1141. A communication from the Chair and Vice Chair, National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Paving Our Way: A New Framework for Transportation Finance"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1142. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1143. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1144. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "2008 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative

Office of the U.S. Courts" and "2008 Judicial Business of the United States Courts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1145. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-9/11 GI Bill" (RIN2900-AN10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-15. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri urging the United States Congress to reject the Freedom of Choice Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the 111th United States Congress is considering the Freedom of Choice Act, which purports to classify abortion as a "fundamental right", equal in stature to the right of free speech and the right to vote—rights that, unlike abortion, are specifically enumerated in the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would invalidate any "statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" of any federal, state, or local government or governmental office, or any person acting under governmental authority that would "deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose" abortion, or that would "discriminate against the exercise of the right . . . in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information"; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would nullify any federal or state law "enacted, adopted, or implemented before, on, or after the date of its enactment" and would effectively prevent the State of Missouri from enacting similar protective measures in the future; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would invalidate more than 550 federal and state abortion-related laws, laws supported by the majority of the American people; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would specifically invalidate the following commonsense protective laws properly enacted by the State of Missouri:

(1) A parental consent law for minors seeking an abortion;

(2) A prohibition on government funding or use of public facilities for abortions;

(3) Health and safety regulation for abortion facilities;

(4) A twenty-four-hour waiting period and informed consent law that provides an opportunity to consider the gravity of a decision to abort a child;

(5) A partial birth abortion ban (Infant's Protection Act);

(6) A requirement that only physicians can perform or induce abortions and that such physicians maintain medical malpractice insurance;

(7) Conscience protections for doctors and hospitals not wanting to perform or induce abortions;

(8) A prohibition on performing or inducing abortions in order to use fetal organs or tissue for transplantation or experimentation;

(9) Licensing of most abortion clinics as ambulatory surgical centers to ensure basic health and safety of patients;

(10) Alternatives to abortion programs to encourage and support women who do not want abortions; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act will not make abortion safe or rare, but will instead actively promote and subsidize abortion with federal and state tax dollars and will do nothing to ensure its safety; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act will protect and promote the abortion industry, endanger women and their health, promote a political ideology of unregulated abortion-on-demand, and silence the voices of Americans who want to engage in a meaningful public discussion and debate over the availability, safety, and even desirability of abortion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, hereby strongly oppose the federal Freedom of Choice Act and urge the United States Congress to summarily reject it; and be it further

Resolved, That the Missouri House of Representatives strongly opposes the federal Freedom of Choice Act because:

(1) It seeks to circumvent the states' general legislative authority as guaranteed by the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution;

(2) It seeks to undermine the right and responsibility of the states and the people to debate, vote on, and determine abortion policy;

(3) The protection of women's health through state regulation on abortion is a compelling state interest that should not be nullified by Congress; and

(4) Its enactment would nullify laws in the State of Missouri that the Missouri General Assembly and the people of Missouri strongly support; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation; and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate with a request that the resolution be printed in the Congressional Record.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 712. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 713. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 714. A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 715. A bill to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 716. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve care for ventilator-dependent patients; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 717. A bill to modernize cancer research, increase access to preventative cancer services, provide cancer treatment and survivorship initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 718. A bill to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 719. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to notify surface estate owners in cases in which the leasing of Federal minerals underlying the land are to be used for oil and gas development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 720. A bill to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 721. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 722. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for permanent alternative minimum tax relief, middle class tax relief, and estate tax relief, and to permanently extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 723. A bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of novelty lighters, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 724. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to temporarily prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from considering global climate change as a natural or man-made factor in determining whether a species is a threatened or endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 725. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 726. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 727. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 728. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 729. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 730. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 731. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 732. A bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams;